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disinfection at Santiago de Cuba prior to clearing for Porto Rico. This vessel was granted free pratique, and all of her passengers for Porto Rican ports being immunes, they were allowed to land. Ten pieces of baggage and 1 sack of mail were disinfected here.

I inclose herein vital statistics of the city of San Juan.

The following embraces a report of the number of vessels inspected during the month at the subports: Mayaguez, 10; Arecibo, 3; Humacao, 2; Aguadilla, 4; Fajardo, 3; Arroyo, 3.

The following are the mortality statistics from the subports: Mayaguez, 125; Arecibo, 119; Humacao, 46; Aguadilla, 36; Fajardo, 36; Arroyo, 26.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

Passed Assistant Surgeon,

Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

[Inclosure.]

Vital statistics of San Juan, P. R., for the month of July, 1902.

Anæmia.....	2	Meningitis	1
Aortic insufficiency.....	1	Mitral insufficiency.....	3
Asystolia	1	Nephritis	2
Athrepsia	2	Paralysis	1
Bronchitis.....	8	Pernicious fever	2
Cardiac lesion.....	2	Peritonitis	3
Caries of facial bones.....	1	Pneumonia.....	4
Cerebral congestion.....	1	Serous congestion.....	1
Encephalitis	1	Tetanus.....	2
Endocarditis.....	1	Tuberculosis.....	7
Enteritis.....	4		
Entero-colitis.....	2	Total	67
Gastric tumor.....	1		
Gastro-enteritis.....	7	July, 1901—	
Hypertrophy of liver.....	2	Births	73
Icterus.....	1	Deaths	56
Leprosy.....	1	July, 1902—	
Malaria.....	2	Births	80
Measles.....	1	Deaths	67

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan and subports for the week ended August 9, 1902.

SAN JUAN, P. R., August 12, 1902.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended August 9, 1902. August 3, French steamship *Ferdinand de Lesseps*, from Havre, Bordeaux and St. Thomas, with 9 immigrants. August 7, Spanish steamship *Argentino*, from Barcelona, Valencia, Alicante, Torrevieja, Malaga, Las Palmas, Tenerife, and La Palma, with 4 immigrants. Total, 14.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

Passed Assistant Surgeon,

Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

SAN JUAN, P. R., August 12, 1902.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving during the week ended August 9, 1902, at the subports of Porto Rico.

Mayaguez.—August 3, French steamship *Salvador*, from Fort de

France, Pointe a Pitre, Basse-Terre, St. Thomas, and Ponce, with 10 immigrants. Other subports, no transactions.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

Inspection of immigrants at subports of San Juan for week ended August 16, 1902.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *August 19, 1902.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended August 16, 1902. August 13, American steamship *Caracas*, from Puerto Cabello, Curaçao, and La Guaira, with 1 immigrant.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *August 18, 1902.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving during the week ended August 18, 1902, at the subports of Porto Rico.

Mayaguez.—August 16, French steamship *Salvador*, from Port au Prince, Jeremie, Le Cayex, Jacmel, and Santo Domingo, with 13 immigrants.

Humacao.—August 13, French schooner *Laura Belle*, from St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, with 4 immigrants. Other subports, no transactions.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

RUSSIA.

Official announcement of plague in Odessa.

[No. 711.]

ODESSA, RUSSIA, *July 26, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that, by order of the Russian minister of the interior, the local newspapers officially announce the existence of the plague in this city. No particulars are furnished as yet nor have I any reliable information as to the number of cases or the number of deaths, if any. Doubtless these particulars will be furnished in due time. The sanitary measures which are being taken are very thorough and will doubtless prove of value in arresting the spread of the disease. The British consulate issued bills of health to-day and noted thereon the existence of plague in this city. I shall inform the Department from time to time of such particulars as I may be able to obtain. There is no excitement here whatever over the advent of the plague, though in well-informed circles the opinion prevails that we are in for a severe epidemic of the disease. I understand that such cases as have occurred are endemic, which as I stated in an earlier dispatch renders the situation much more serious than if the disease had been brought from abroad.